VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Conference Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees **June 9, 2011**

VSERS Members present:

Kevin Gaffney, Chairperson, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2011) Jeff Briggs, VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012) – via telephone Thomas Hango, VSEA Alternate (term expiring September 1, 2011) – via telephone Roger Dumas, Vice-Chairperson, VRSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012) – via telephone

Kate Duffy, Commissioner of Human Resources (ex-officio) - via telephone Richard Johannesen, Governor's Delegate (ex-officio) – via telephone Elizabeth Pearce, VT State Treasurer

Members absent:

Paul White, Jr., VSEA Representative (term expiring September 1, 2012) James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management (ex-officio)

Also attending:

Matthew Considine, Director of Investments
Charly Dickerson
Laurie Lanphear, Deputy Director of Retirement Operations
Cynthia Webster, Director of Retirement Policy and Outreach & Secretary to the Board
Monica Chiren, Assistant to Cynthia Webster

The Chairperson, Kevin Gaffney, called the Thursday, June 9, 2011, meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, Fourth Floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1: Approve the Minutes of:

- May 12, 2011
- May 24, 2011

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 12, 2011, as submitted.

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Ms. Pearce, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 24, 2011, as submitted.

<u>ITEM 2</u>: Discuss/Act on disability retirement recommendation for:

• Roger H. Laroche

New

On motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Board unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the MRB to allow the disability retirement for Roger H. Laroche, without review.

ITEM 3: Review/Act on disability waiver request from Ramona DeCroti

On motion by Mr. Hango, seconded by Ms. Pearce, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 9:09 a.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

(The Board exited Executive Session at 9:15 a.m.)

On motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Board unanimously voted to approve the waiver of the 90-day time frame for filling a disability retirement as requested by Ramona DeCroti.

ITEM 4: Review and discuss request for benefit recalculation from:

Charly Dickerson

On motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 9:17 a.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

(Charly Dickerson and Laurie Lanphear were invited to enter Executive Session.)

(The Board exited Executive Session at 9:53 a.m.)

The consensus of the Board was to obtain the figures for the 36-month period, and to have this item added to the July agenda.

(Mr. Dickerson and Ms. Lanphear left the meeting at this time.)

(Mr. Considine entered the meeting at this time.)

(Ms. Chiren left the meeting at this time.)

(Ms. Duffy and Mr. Johannensen left the meeting at this time.)

ITEM 5: Review and discuss Deferred Compensation Plan administrative fees

Ms. Pearce gave a background summary of how the current fee was negotiated in 2007. Based on current modeling it is recommended that participant fees be reduced from 15 basis points to 12 basis points. Mr. Considine went over a very conservative model of income and expenses over the next ten years to support the move to decrease the participant fees.

(Ms. Chiren returned to the meeting during this item.)

Mr. Dumas had a question about the statement he receives from Great West, and Great West drawing expenses, and then paying it back. Ms.Webster indicated this was a question that should be posed to Mr. Kroner at the next meeting.

On motion by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Mr. Dumas, the Board unanimously voted to approve the model as presented by Mr. Considine to reduce the participant fees from 15 basis points to 12 basis points.

ITEM 6: Any other business to come before the Board

None.

ITEM 7: Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Briggs the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:17 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:

The next scheduled VSERS meeting is a conference call meeting on July 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Webster Secretary to the Board